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TEST YOUR PRIVATE WELL

Fond du Lac – During the month of September, the Fond du Lac County Health Department is offering bacteria and nitrate testing for a total of \$25. The cost is \$15 for bacteria testing and \$10 for nitrate testing.

Why should you test your well water?

- Water is used for cooking, bathing, drinking, laundry, and other household activities. If your water is contaminated, you could become ill.
- Wells can become contaminated at any time.
- Routine testing can help identify any problems with a well.

When should you test your well?

- At least annually for bacteria and nitrates.
- After heavy storms, flooding, heavy snowmelt in the Spring, or in the hot stagnant periods in late summer and early fall.
- Any time you notice a change in the taste, odor, or color of the water.
- If there are any changes to the well or if a new well is installed.
- If a well pump is installed or reinstalled.
- Any time the well is entered for repairs.

Where can you pick up a test kit?

- Test kits are sold at the Fond du Lac County Health Department, located on the 3rd floor of the city/county building at 160 S. Macy St. in Fond du Lac.
- Test kits can be picked up Monday through Friday between 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.
- Samples can be dropped off for analysis Monday through Wednesday between 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

For more information, visit the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' [Information for Private Well Owners](#) page.

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